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Report of the Selectmen

INVOICE APRIL 1, 1916

Polls	87	$ 174 00
Real Estate		170,204 00
Horses	130	14,374 00
Oxen	10	1,020 00
Cows	251	12,096 00
Neat Stock	82	3,526 00
Sheep	109	576 00
Hogs	37	471 00
Fowls	1416	708 00
Automobile		225 00
Gas Engine		700 00
Bonds and Notes		9,950 00
Money on hand and at interest		3,372 00
Stock in trade		3,195 00
Saw Mill		950 00
		$221,367 00

TAXES

State tax,	$ 416 00
County tax,	545 97
Town charges,	400 00
Roads and Bridges,	590 00
Trunk Line Maintenance,	90 00
State Aid Maintenance,	20 00
Trunk Line,	583 34
Library Tax,	21 40
School Tax,	1360 00
Overlay,	198 31
	$4,225 02

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance, February 15, 1915.	$ 238 44
Received from Collector,	2865 02
borrowed money,	1868 34
from Town clerk, 1915 dog license money,	63 26
State Forestry Dep't. fire bills,	38 40
Highway Dep't. for Trunk Lines,	1749 22
Highway Dep't for Maintenance,	263 96
Highway Dep't State Aid Roads main,	55 56
Savings Bank tax,	156 76
Railroad tax,	13
State check,	87 65
Alstead for the use of scraper,	6 00
F. J. Reed on error on Trunk line acc.,	8 00
Collector, Interest on taxes,	7 06
Bounty on Hedgehogs,	4 20
Selectmen for stolen lantern,	1 00
Prentiss Trust Fund,	8 60
Bowles Trust Fund,	4 04
Garfield Trust Fund,	4 04
Holden Trust Fund,	3 74
Winch Trust Fund,	3 35
	$7436 77

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid County tax,	$545 97
State tax,	416 00
on Selectmen orders,	5699 84
Cash to balance Feb. 15, 1916,	774 96
	$7436 77

FRANK R. BATES, Town Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of town treasurer. (Do not include cash in sinking funds.) $774 96

in hands of other officials:

(a)

(b)

(c)

Accounts due Town:

Taxes not collected: (a) Levy of 19—

(b) Levy on 19—

(c) Levy on 19—

(d) Levy on 19—

Due from the State: Bounty on Hedgehogs, 1914, $8 20

(a)

(b)

(c)

Due from the County: Support of Poor, 1914, $53 00

(a)

(b)

Other bills due Town:

(a)

(b)

(c)

Sinking funds reserved for payment of debt:

(a) Par value of securities

(b) Cash

Other assets: (Do not include trust funds or town property.)

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Total Assets	$836 16
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	448 65
Grand Total	$1,284 81

LIABILITIES

Bills owed by Town: J. Christian,	$ 1 45
Unpaid balances set aside for special purposes:	
Due to schools: (a) Dog licenses	63 26
(b) Literary fund	
(c)	
State and Town joint highway accounts:	
Trunk Line,	218 95
Trunk Line maintenance,	8 06
State Aid maintenance,	8 75
Due to Precinct, County, and State	
Notes outstanding:	584 34
	400 00
Bonds outstanding:	
Trust funds, amount of principal used by Town:	
Total Liabilities	$1,284 81
or Excess of assets over liabilities. (Surplus),	
Grand Total	$1,284 81

RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE:

From Local Taxes:

1.	Property and poll taxes, Current year,	$2,865 02
2.	Property and poll taxes, Previous years	
3.	Special assessments	

From State:

4.	Insurance tax	
5.	Railroad tax,	33
6.	Savings Bank tax,	156 76
7.	Building and loan association tax	
8.	Literary fund	
9.	Liquor license	
10.	For education	

11.	For highways:	
	(a) For State Aid maintenance,	55 56
	(b) For State Aid construction,	
	(c) For Trunk Line maintenance,	263 96
	(d) For Trunk Line construction,	1749 22
12.	For fighting forest fires,	38 40
13.	For bounties,	4 20
From County:		
14.	For support of poor	
15.	For Soldiers	
From Local Sources except Taxes:		
16.	Dog licenses,	63 26
17.	All other licenses and permits	
18.	Fines and forfeits	
19.	Rent of town hall and other buildings	
20.	Income of departments: highways, sewers, etc.	
21.	Water system receipts. (If owned by town.)	
22.	Cemeteries	
23.	Interest received on taxes, deposits, and trust funds,	7 06
	Total Current Revenue Receipts	$5,203 57
RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:		
24.	Temporary loans during year,	$1868 34
25.	Bond issues during year	
26.	Amount taken from sinking funds to pay principal of debt	
27.		
	Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	$1,868 34
All Other Receipts:		
28.		
29.	Use of road machine,	6 00
30.	Lantern,	1 00
31.	Error in Trunk Line account,	8 00
	Check from State,	87 65
		$102 65
	Total Receipts from all Sources,	$7,174 56
Cash on hand at beginning of year,		$238 44
	Grand Total	$7,413 00

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General Government:	
1. Salaries and expenses of principal town officers	$229 60
2. Election and registration expenses	
3. Municipal Court expenses	
4. Care and supplies for town hall and other buildings	
Protection of Persons and Property:	
5. Police department	
6. Fire department	
7. Moth extermination	
8. Bounties,	4 20
9. Damage by dogs	
Health and Sanitation:	
10. Health department	
11. Vital statistics,	10 05
12. Sewer maintenance	
Highways and Bridges:	
13. Highways, maintenance—Town account	607 79
14. Highways, "State Aid Maintenance"—State and Town joint account expended,	67 18
15. Highways, "Trunk Line Maintenance"—State and Town joint expended,	350 66
16. Street lighting	
17. General expenses, including street sprinkling, salary of road agent, etc.	
Education:	
18. Libraries (Payments to School Districts should be reported under number 42.)	36 40
Charities:	
19. Town poor	
20. County poor	
21. Incidental expenses and salary of overseer	
Patriotic Purposes:	
22. Memorial day and other celebrations	
23. G. A. R. halls, soldiers' benefits, etc.	

Recreation:

24. Parks and playgrounds

Public Service Enterprises owned and operated by Town:

25. Water supply system
26. Cemeteries

1-12 repair of Toll Bridge,	5 50
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	$1,301 38

INTEREST:

27. Paid on temporary loans,	$60 00
28. Paid on bonded debt	
29. Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	
Total Interest Payments	$60 00

OUTLAY for NEW CONSTRUCTION and PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS:

30. New buildings	
31. Highway and bridge construction—Town account	
32. Highway and bridge construction—State Aid account	
33. Highway and bridge construction—Trunk Line account,	$2,793 00
34. Sewer construction	
35. Sidewalk construction	
36.	
Total Outlay Payments	$2,793 00

INDEBTEDNESS:

37. Payments on principal of debt	$1,284 00
38. Payments to sinking funds	
Total Indebtedness Payments	$1,284 00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

39. Taxes paid to State,	$416 00
40. Taxes paid to County,	545 97
41. Payments to Precincts	
42. Payments to School Districts, Dog Tax,	59 78
Total	$1021 75

All Other Payments:

43. Abatement of taxes,	$ 31 45
44. Printing Town Reports and Order Books,	30 40
45. Watering Troughs,	8 00

46.	Tools for State Road,	27 41
	Forest fires,	76 90
	Insurance on Town Buildings,	3 75
	Total	$177 91
	Total Payments for all purposes	$6,638 04
	Cash on hand at end of year,	774 96
	Grand Total	$7,413 00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1.	Town Hall, Lands and Buildings,	$2,000 00
	Furniture and Equipment,	25 00
2.	Libraries, Lands and Buildings	
	Furniture and Equipment,	1,500 00
3.	Department Property:	
	Police department apparatus	
	Fire department, Lands and Buildings	
	Apparatus	
	Highway department, Equipment,	50 00
4.	Parks and Playgrounds	
5.	Water Supply System, if owned by Town	
6.	All other Property and Equipment:	
	(a)	
	(b)	
	(c)	
	(d)	
	Total Valuation	$3,575 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEFTS,
SANFORD H. LAWRENCE,
WILLIAM B. WHITNEY.
} Selectmen of Langdon

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer and find the computation correctly made and properly vouched.

WILLIAM HALL, Auditor

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1916

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance Feb. 15, 1915,	$282 08
Received from Tax Collection,	1360 00
Selectmen, 1915 dog license money,	59 78
Selectmen for sale of School-house,	19 75
State Literary Fund,	31 10
Proportion School Fund,	311 66
	$2068 37

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on School Board orders,	$1879 33
Cash on hand to balance, Feb. 15, 1916,	189 04
	$2068 37

FRANK R. BATES, School Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Year ending Feb. 15, 1916.

Number of schools maintained,	3
Number of terms of school,	8
Number of weeks of school,	97
Number of scholars,	51

Names of Teachers Spring Term.

Irene M. Boyle, Grammar, 12 weeks,	$180 00
Emma McNutt, Primary, 12 weeks,	144 00
Bertha E. Freel, No. 1, 14 weeks,	168 00

Names of Teachers Fall Term.

Gertrude I. Carrigan, Grammar, 10 weeks, 1 day,	$122 33
Zoe E. Stebbins, Primary, 11 weeks,	132 00
Mary M. C. Sumner, No. 1, 17 weeks,	204 00

Names of Teachers Winter Term.

Gertrude M. Carrigan, Grammer, 10 wks., 3 days,	$127 20
Zoe E. Stebbins, Primary, 10 weeks,	120 00

ASSETS

Cash on hand,	$189 04
Amounts due to district:	
From State	
From Town or City	
From others:	
(a)	
(b)	
Sinking Funds:	
(a) Par value of securities	
(b) Cash	
Other Assets. (Do not include property.)	
(a)	
(b)	
(c)	
Total Assets	$189 04
Excess of liabilities over assets. (Net Debt.)	110 96
Grand Total	$300 00

LIABILITIES

Bills owed by district:	
Notes outstanding:	$300 00
Bonds outstanding:	
Total Liabilities	$300 00
Excess of assets over liabilities. (Surplus.)	
Grand Total	$300 00

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Lands and Buildings:	
No. 1. Country School House,	$ 450 00
No. 2. Country School House,	350 00
No. 3. 2 story, 2 rooms, play room and furnace room,	1000 00
No. 4. Country School House,	400 00
Furniture and Apparatus:	100 00
Total Valuation	$2,200 00

RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE:		
From State:		
Literary Fund, 8		$ 31 10
From State Treasurer under Chap. 158, Laws 1909	For district superintendent,	75 00
	For support of schools,	297 66
	For high school tuition,	14 00
Town Tax for Schools, 2		
School District Tax, 3,		1,360 00
Dog licenses, 11,		59 78
Tuitions received		
Income from local trust funds, 10		
Interest received on deposits, etc.		
RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:		
Temporary loans during year		
Bonds issued during year		
Amount taken from sinking fund to pay debt		
All Other Receipts:		
(a) School House,		19 75
(b)		
(c)		
(b)		
Total Receipts from all sources		$1,786 29
Cash on hand at beginning of year,		282 08
Grand Total		$2,068 37

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

School Board:	
Services and Expenses, 28,	$ 15 00
District officers, treasurer, etc., 30,	5 00
Clerk hire, 27	
Salaries:	
Superintendent, 26,	150 00
Regular teachers, 23,	1197 53
Special teachers, 24	
Special activities, inc. medical inspection, 25	
Truant officers and school census, 29	
Books and Supplies:	10 10
Textbooks, 20,	33 36
Reference books, maps, apparatus, 21,	
Scholars' supplies, 23,	
Flags and appurtenances, 33,	
Care and Repair of Buildings:	26 35
Janitor service, 37,	59 50
Insurance, 36,	17 15
Fuel, 39,	33 00
Light, 40	
Water, 41	
Building supplies, 38	
Minor repairs, 35	
Tuition:	
High school and academy, 31,	153 34
Elementary school, 32,	59 00
Transportation of pupils, 34	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	$1,750 33
INTEREST paid on debt, 49,	20 00

OUTLAY for NEW CONSTRUCTION and EQUIPMENT:

New buildings, sites, alterations, 44
New equipment, 45

INDEBTEDNESS:

Payments on principal of debt,	100 00
Payments in sinking funds	
Total Indebtedness Payments	$100 00

All Other Payments:

(a)
(b)
(c)

Total Payments for all Purposes	$1,879 33
Cash on hand at end of year,	189 04
Grand Total,	$2,068 37

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. CLARK,
CHARLES A. JEFTS,
WILLIAMS B. WHITNEY,
} Board of Education

This certifies that I have this day examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM HALL, Auditor

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1916

ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR

Money required by law,	$400 00
for Books and Supplies,	30 00
High School Tuition,	80 00
School Officers,	20 00
Repairs,	40 00
for Payment on Note and Interest,	115 00
Additional amount needed,	515 00
	$1,200 00

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

We hereby submit for your consideration our second annual report, being the fourteenth of its series.

I submit herewith a table of statistics which presents many of the facts concerning the schools of the town.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	WINTER TERM ENROLLMENT	Length of Term	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
Grammar	Irene M. Boyle	14	9	12.4	92
Primary	Emma MacNutt	19	9	1 .4	86
Hill	Ruth E. Freel	14	5	13.1	93
		SPRING TERM			
Grammar	Irene M. Boyle	12	12	12.1	94
Primary	Emma MacNutt	19	12	18.2	96
Hill	Ruth E. Freel	12	14	10.4	86
		FALL TERM			
Grammar	Gertrude Carrigan	14	12	12.8	91
Primary	Zoe Stebbins	19	12	16.9	94
Hill	Mary Summer	13	12	11.9	93

The teaching force for the year is entirely new. The policy of changing teachers each year is usually not a good one, but there have been serious difficulties this year. The work of the teacher is, in general, satisfactory as far as the equipment will permit. We need a longer school year that the course of study may be covered carefully and the best of teachers to do the work. It is not enough to merely comply with the law when the preparation of the pupils for life and entrance to other schools are the vital questions. We expect to have thirty-four weeks during the school year in the village and as many as possible on the hill. We should aim

at the usual number of thirty-six weeks as soon as we can afford it. We find that the added expense is but little more because teachers consider the total for the year in accepting a position.

The schools are in need of new geography texts and those in arithmetic are nearly worn out. There should be nearly fifty dollars put in text books alone next year.

The report last year, when the firms dealing in supplies were considered collectively showed over $90.00 spent for text books and supplies. But $30.39 was expended during the year. This year $30.00 was appropriated. When we had expended $13.50 we were notified that the money appropriated had been spent. We have been running the schools since then, according to the directions received of following the ways of the past and run them without expense. The schools have been furnished nothing but pencils and paper during the year. This policy seems a very poor one, for it makes it impossible to do what we ought for the pupils. It hinders the pupils in preparing for other schools. It makes the work of the superintendent hard and very unsatisfactory. We should raise enough next year to pay all back bills, and enough to run our schools in a satisfactory manner.

We estimate the amount as follows:

Teachers salaries, 3 teachers 34 wks. @ $10. per wk.,	$1020.00
Superintendent's salary, less ½ for state,	75.00
Text books and supplies,	75.00
Fuel,	50.00
Back bills and incidentals,	25.00
Repairs,	25.00
Total,	$1,270.00

Notes, insurance, tuitions in addition to this.

I believe we can run a satisfactory school for this amount and make the schools worthy of the town of Langdon. May we have your support in the work of progress.

E. J. BEST, Superintendent

TRUST FUNDS

Interest to be used for care of lots in cemeteries.

Martha Bowles fund, $100.00 for care of Reed lot in South Cemetery.

Henry Prentiss fund, $213.22 for care of Prentiss lot in South Cemetery.

Mary Holden fund, $93.00 for care of Holden lot in North Cemetery.

Elisha Garfield fund, $100.00 for care of Garfield lot in North Cemetery.

Charles Winch fund, $100.00 for care of Winch lot in North Cemetery.

Prentiss Trust fund interest paid to Miss E. B. Prentiss,	$8.60
Bowles Trust fund interest paid to F. R. Bates,	4.04
Garfield Trust fund interest paid to F. R. Bates,	4.04
Holden Trust fund interest paid to F. R. Bates,	3.74
Winch Trust fund interest paid to F. R. Bates,	3.35

FINANCIAL REPORT of the LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DR.

To Cash on hand February 15, 1915,	$ 7 23
Library Tax,	21 40
Fines imposed,	66
	$29 29

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March 11, 1915, 3 volumes purchased,	$ 2 52
April 30, 1915, 1 volume purchased,	1 22
February 14, 1916, 27 volumes purchased,	21 10
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1916,	4 45
	$29 29

ELIZABETH B. PRENTISS,
Secretary and Treasurer

VITAL STATISTICS

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, we submit the following:

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Living or Stillborn	Sex	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Color of Parents	Occupation of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Auther George Boseley	Jan. 11	Living	M	White	Joseph Boseley	Abbie Portor	Langdon	White	Housewife	Teamster	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Alstead, N. H.
Edmund Pierce Brickett	Jan 19		M		Edmund P. Brickett	Bertha E. Pierce				Farmer	Newton, Mass.	Springfield, Ohio
Elsie Lecia Chase	May 26		F		Everett, K. Chase	Lecia M. LaSalle				Civil Engineer	Cornish, N H.	Weston, Vt.
Leo Ralph Bushway	June 18		M		William J. Bushway	Edith Eno				Farmer	Walpole, N. H.	Ro kingham, Vt.
Davis	July 7		F		Elmer E. Davis	Maud Barlow				Farmer	Langdon, N. H.	Keene, N. H.
Jay Ernest Green	Aug. 2		M		Jay Ernest Green	May Pottor				Farmer	Gilsum, N. H.	Caselton, Vt.
John Rollins Fredette	Sept. 5		M		John Rollins Fredette	Elizabeth Canton				Farmer	Middlebury, Vt.	Bristol, Vt.
Keneth Sidney Pelton	Oct 2		M		Frank N. Pelton	Frances E. Robinson				Farmer	Cold Brook, N. S.	Lewiston, Me.
Elizabeth May Jewett	Oct. 3		F		Harry W. Jewett, Jr.	Ona M. Balla				Laborer	Walpole, N. H.	Acworth, N. H.
Edna Dale Royce	Oct. 14		F		Charles M. Royce	Katherine Agnes Hayes				Laborer	Langdon, N. H.	Walpole, N. H.
Ernest Fred Bachelder, Jr.	Dec. 20		M		Ernest Fred Bachelder	Gertrude M. Jacobs				Farmer	Acworth, N. H.	Foxboro, Mass.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age, yrs.	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Condition	Name, Res. and Official Station of Person by whom married
Nov. 25	Charlestown, N. H.	Herbert H. Lakin Alice Marion Leavitt	Langdon, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.	23 21	White	Farmer Housekeeper	Hancock, N. H. Whitman, Mass.	William L. Lakin Nettie Jean Craig	Hancock, N. H. Concord, N. H.	Farmer Housekeeper	1st marriage	James F. Scott, Clergyman Charlestown, N. H.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition: Male	Sex and Condition: Female	Color	Sin. Married or Widowed	Occupation	Place of Birth: Father	Place of Birth: Mother	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death	Occupation of F.	Name and P. O. Address of Physician or other person reporting death
Jan. 14	Langdon	Marcia Walker	75	4	7	Reading, Vt.		F		Wid.	Housewife	Weathersf'd, Vt	Langdon, N. H.	Luther Hammond Edward Shean	Ammanda Currier Ellen Connors	Pneumonia Cerebral Hemorhage		P. B. Stearns, M. D., Alstead, N. H. Bayard T. Mousley, M. D., Alstead, N. H.
April 18	Langdon	Mary Johnson	80	11	15	New Bedford, Mass.		F	White	Wid.								
Aug. 20	Langdon	Susan A. Hill	71	2	1	Skowhegan, Me.		F		Mar	Housewife	Skowhegan, Me		Daniel Gould	not given	Cerebral Hemorhage	Carpenter	Bayard T. Mousley, M. D., Alstead, N. H.
Oct. 14	Langdon	Maurice Dillion	70	10	14	Ireland	M			Mar.	Farmer			John Dillion	not given	Cardiac Suncope		Bayard T. Mousley, M. D., Alstead, N. H.

Bodies Brought in Town for Burial

Jan. 3	Bellows Falls	Olive Sartwell Adams	88	4	25	
Jan. 14	Alstead	James S. Prouty	58	11	18	Acworth, N. H.
March 29	Alstead	Almira Egerton	91	6	6	Langdon, N. H.
July 17	Alstead	Emma E Walker, Washburn	75	6	27	Charlestown, N. H.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns of Birth, Marriages and Death are correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM HALL, Town Clerk